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		Title	Surgical Instruments for Accessing and Stabilizing a Localized Portion of a Beating Heart

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 9, 2008 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 9, 2008. This response is being filed within the two-month period ending on July 9, 2008. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.